

## We the Christians is Groaning

Romans 8:18-27

1. **Better Days are coming. We did not receive all the benefits of our salvation at the movement of our conversion**
  - a. The Lord will wipe away all our tears. Rev 21:4
  - b. Meanwhile, there is a lot of groaning going on.
2. **Rom. 8:22 Creation is groaning.**
  - a. (v-23) Christians are groaning.
  - b. (v-26) The Holy Spirit is groaning.
3. **Why is creation groaning?**
  - a. This was not the case at the beginning
  - b. Gen. 1:31 Everything God made was good.
  - c. Gen 3: The fall brought pain to all creation.
  - d. It brought sickness, sorrow, and death to mankind.
  - e. It brought thorns, thistles and earthquakes to the world.
  - f. It brought enmity between animals and humans.
  - g. This groaning of nature reminds us of the seriousness of sin.
  - h. Like a woman in travail, creation awaits Christ's return.
4. **(v-23) Why are Christians groaning?**
  - a. Some think we have nothing to groan about.
  - b. Eph. 1:7 Our sins are forgiven.
  - c. Rom 5:1 We are justified and have peace with God.
  - d. John 14: 1-4 We are assured of a home in heaven.
5. **Why are we groaning?**
  - a. We are part of a fallen, sinful race.
  - b. Heb. 9:27 We experience pain, suffering and death like others.
  - c. We groan because we know a better day is coming.
6. **Why is the Holy Spirit groaning?**
  - a. The Holy Spirit helps our praying.
  - b. The Holy Spirit intercedes for us with groaning that cannot be uttered.
  - c. The Holy Spirit makes our prayers effective.
7. **When Adam sinned, his transgressions affected not only mankind, but all creation.** The ground is cursed. The result of sin rippled like shockwaves throughout all creation.

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